

## **Deciding What You Want**

(What Does Your Family Want?)

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**Big Question:** How much **can** your family accomplish?

**Side Question**: How much does your family want to accomplish?

Matthew 20:20–28 (NKJV): 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? "They said to Him, "We are able."

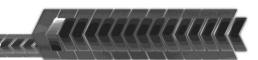
23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

## **Seven Observations About The Zebedee Family's Decision**

- 1. They **came** to Jesus (v20)
  - They showed initiative and self-motivation (e.g. Matthew 25)
- 2. They came to **ask** Jesus for leadership opportunity (v20)
  - They wanted big opportunities (The Prayer of Jabaz, I Chronicles 4:10)
  - Question: What do you want? Do you just want to go to church?
  - They came as a family. (God responds to groups; Matthew 18:1)

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- **3.** Jesus asked them what they wanted (v21)
  - This was a two-way conversation (How specific are you about what you want?)
  - Jesus asked the disciples of John this same question (John 1:38, What do you want?)
- 4. They **answered** Jesus (v21, We are able; they are confident)
  - Question: What have you proven you can do?





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- 5. Jesus said they were **naive** (v22)
  - Question: What area of life are you not experienced in?
- **6.** They responded they were **able** to swallow the challenge (v22)
  - Question: What are you really able and qualified to do?

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- 7. Jesus said, I can't just **give** it to you, it is for specific people (v23)
  - Question: What do you want God to give to you that you are not prepared for?

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Conclusion: Are you willing to say what Joshua said about his family?

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15b

**Next Time: Deciding to Deal With My Tough Issues** 

My Sexual Issues

My Relationship Issues

My Vocational (Career or Job) Issues